

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**  
**Student Financial Assistance Commission**  
**Office of Student Financial Assistance**  
Scholarship/Grant Programs  
(LAC 28:IV.703)

The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) is exercising the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act [R.S. 49:953(B)] to amend and re-promulgate the rules of the Scholarship/Grant programs (R.S. 17:3021-3025, R.S. 3041.10-3041.15, and R.S. 17:3042.1.1-3042.8, R.S. 17:3048.1, R.S. 56:797.D(2)).

This rulemaking implements Act 203 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature to revise the TOPS core curriculum requirements for students graduating during the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter to add History of Religion to the list of advanced social science courses and to reduce from two to one the number of art units required to substitute for one unit of Fine Arts Survey.

The emergency rules are necessary to implement changes to the Scholarship/Grant programs to allow the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance to effectively administer the programs. A delay in promulgating rules would have an adverse impact on the financial welfare of the eligible candidates. LASFAC has determined that these emergency rules are necessary in order to prevent imminent financial peril to the welfare of the affected recipients.

This declaration of emergency is effective August 30, 2011, and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act. (SG12134E)

**Chapter 7. Taylor Opportunity  
Program for Students (TOPS)  
Opportunity, Performance, and  
Honors Awards**

**§703. Establishing Eligibility**

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(f). beginning with the graduates of academic year (high school) 2013-14, at the time of high school graduation, an applicant must have successfully completed 19 units of high school course work that constitutes a core curriculum and is documented on the student's official transcript as approved by the Louisiana Department of Education as follows.

Units	Course
1	English I
1	English II
1	English III
1	English IV
1	Algebra I (1 unit) or Applied Algebra 1A and 1B (2 units)
1	Algebra II
2	Geometry, Calculus, Pre-Calculus, Algebra III, Probability and Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Applied Mathematics III, Advanced Math – Pre-Calculus, Advanced Math – Functions and Statistics, Integrated Mathematics III
1	Biology
1	Chemistry
2	Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physical Science, Biology II, Chemistry II, Physics, Physics II, or Physics for Technology or Agriscience I and II (both for 1 unit)
1	American History
2	World History, Western Civilization, <del>or</del> World Geography <u>or History of Religion</u>
1	Civics and Free Enterprise (1 unit combined) or Civics (1 unit)

Units	Course
1	Fine Arts Survey; (or substitute <del>2 units</del> <u>one unit of a performance course</u> in music, dance, or theater; or <u>substitute one unit</u> <del>2 units</del> of <del>studio art or a</del> visual art <u>course</u> ; or substitute <u>one unit of a studio art course</u> ; <del>or 1 elective from among the other subjects listed in this core curriculum</del> )
2	Foreign Language, both units in the same language

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3021-3025, R.S. 17:3042.1 and R.S. 17:3048.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 22:338 (May 1996), repromulgated LR 24:636 (April 1998), amended LR 24:1902 (October 1998), LR 24:2237 (December 1998), LR 25:257 (February 1999), LR 25:655 (April 1999), LR 25:1794 (October 1999), LR 26:64, 67 (January 2000), LR 26:689 (April 2000), LR 26:1262 (June 2000), LR 26:1602 (August 2000), LR 26:1996, 1999, 2001 (September 2000), LR 26:2268 (October 2000), LR 26:2753 (December 2000), LR 27:36 (January 2001), LR 27:702 (May 2001), LR 27:1219, 1219 (August 2001), repromulgated LR 27:1850 (November 2001), amended LR 28:772 (April 2002), LR 28:2330, 2332 (November 2002), LR 29:125 (February 2003), LR 29:2372 (November 2003), LR 30:1162 (June 2004), LR 30:1471 (July 2004), LR 30:2019 (September 2004), LR 31:37 (January 2005), LR 31:2213 (September 2005), LR 31:3112 (December 2005), LR 32:2239 (December 2006), LR 33:435 (March 2007), LR 33:2357 (November 2007), LR 33:2612 (December 2007), LR 34:1389 (July 2008), LR 35:228 (February 2009), LR 36:312 (February 2010), LR 36:490 (March 2010), LR 36:2269 (October 2010), LR 36:2855 (December 2010).

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